

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/646,070 filed August 22, 2003 (the '070 application). The present application is filed to pursue the claims directed to RNA nucleic acid molecules and methods of use thereof.

Claims 1-43 have been cancelled. New claims 44-76 are now pending in this case.

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